

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICOScheduled: 9:00 AM
Started: 10:42 AM
Ended: 11:04AMMINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

HONORABLE GUSTAVO A. GELPI, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

COURTROOM DEPUTY: Sonia Cristina Cardona

DATE: March 6th, 2017

COURT REPORTER: Evilys Carrion

CASE #: CR-16-218 (GAG)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ATTORNEYS:

AUSA Max Perez-Bouret

VS.

[1] ALFREDO UMPIERRE-SANTIAGO;
 [2] LUIS ANGEL GUERRIDO-MEDINA;
 [3] JUAN ROSARIO-MARRERO;
 [4] STEVEN TAPIA-MORALES;
 [5] ELVIN MORALES-RAMIREZ;
 [6] OBRYAN HERNANDEZ-LOPEZ;
 [7] LUIS COTTO-RIVERA;
 [8] IVAN MARTINEZ-TORRES;
 [9] ENRIQUE PEREZ-RIVERA;
 [10] DAVID VARGAS-SANTIAGO;
 [11] JAHN FERMIN-CORTES;
 [12] CARLOS JIMENEZ-FELIZ;
 [13] JOSE REYES-NEVAREZ;
 [14] GABRIEL VELEZ;
 [15] YARELIS GARCIA-RUIZ;
 [16] JAVIER ORTIZ-NIEVES;
 [17] STEPHANIE HERRERA-MONTANEZ;
 [18] KARINA ALAMO-MARRERO;
 [19] YEISHA PEDRAZA-SANTIAGO;
 [20] JIMMY MOLINA-OTERO;
 [21] EDMANUEL LAUREANO;
 [23] JOSUE DIAZ-TIRADO;
 [24] EMILINE BAEZ-AYALA.

Rafael Castro-Lang (substituted by Atty. Vega)
 Thomas Trebilcock
 Ignacio Fernandez (substituted by Atty. Brill)
 Jose Aguayo
 Laura Maldonado
 Francisco Adams
 Juan Matos (substituted by Atty. Gonzalez)
 AFPD John Connors (substituted by Atty. Gonzalez)
 Eduardo Ferrer-Rios
 Rachel Brill
 Ernesto Hernandez-Milan
 Jorge Vega-Pacheco
 Joseph Boucher
 Jason Gonzalez
 Anita Hill
 Jose Gatzambide (substituted by Atty. Johnny Rivera)
 Joseph Laws
 Javier Morales (substituted by Atty. Maldonado)
 Mariangela Tirado (not present)
 Julio Gonzalez
 Marie Cortes
 Julio Gil-de Lamadrid
 Juan Milanes

CASE CALLED FOR STATUS CONFERENCE:

The government informed that the Indictment had been superseded in the case. The government also stated that the case is death penalty eligible, however at the moment the defendants are not facing the death penalty since the committee has not made a decision yet. Defendants #2, #3, #16, #22 and #23 are the defendants that are still death penalty eligible. Defendant #22 is still a fugitive.

Atty. Brill substituting Atty. Fernandez stated that he would be requesting learned counsel for his client since his defendant is death penalty eligible. Atty. Rivera substituting Atty. Gaztambide joined the request. As well as Atty. Gil-de Lamadrid. Attorneys with defendants that are death penalty eligible to meet with the FPD's Office to discuss counsel available to be appointed as learned counsel and file a joint motion by **3/14/2017**.

Government to notify as to death penalty certification by June 1st, 2017. Further Status Conference is set for June 28th, 2017 at 9:00 AM in Old San Juan Courtroom before Judge Gustavo A. Gelpi.

The Court made a finding that the Speedy Trial remains tolled in the interest of justice which outweighs the best interest of the public and the defendants under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 3161(h)(7)(A) until the next conference.

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Courtroom Deputy Clerk